

Little 'Uns



Mermaid

When crocheted with yarns and hooks specified, mermaid measures 16 ½ inches L and 11 inches around belly.

Except for the tail section, this pattern is crocheted in the amigurumi style of continuous rounds beginning from a double yarn loop. Marking the last stitch of increase and decrease rounds with a small length of yarn or a safety pin will help you to keep track.



Materials

F/5 3.75mm crochet hook

Approx. 3 ounces Caron Simply Lt. Country Peach (or other soft worsted weight) yarn

Approx. 2 ounces Caron Simply Soft Lavender Blue (or other soft worsted weight) yarn

Approx. 1 ounce baby or sport weight yarn for hair

1 yard dark pink yarn for mouth

2 (5/8") solid-front buttons for eyes (or 1 pair (15 mm) animal safety eyes)

Sewing thread, needle and pins

16" length of cardboard to make hair

Polyester fiberfill for stuffing (3 - 5 ounces)

Yarn needle

Pattern abbreviations

Rnd - Round

ch - chain

sc - single crochet stitch

hdc - half double crochet stitch

sc inc - single crochet increase (2 single crochet stitches into 1 stitch)

sc dec - single crochet decrease (insert hook into 1st sc, draw up loop, insert hook into next sc, draw up loop, yarn over and pull hook through all loops)

yo - yarn over

Sl st: Slip stitch

BLO: Back Loops Only

FLO: Front Loops Only

* Repeat directions between * as indicated

Arms

Use F hook and Lt. Country Peach yarn

Right

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: *2 sc into each sc* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: *3 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (15 sc)

Rnd 3: 1 sc into each of 4 sc, *3 hdc in next sc, 1 sc into next sc* 2 times, 3 hdc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, 3 hdc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 3 sc (23 st)

Rnd 4: 2 sc dec, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, *skip hdc, 1 sc into next sc* 2 times, skip hdc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, skip hdc, 1 sc into each next 3 sc (10 sc)

Rnds 5-26: 10 sc (22 rounds)

Sl st into next sc, tie off, leaving long yarn length to sew arm to body later



Left

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: *2 sc into each sc* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: *3 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (15 sc)

Rnd 3: 1 sc into each of 3 sc, 3 hdc in next sc, 1 sc into next 2 sc, *3 hdc into next sc, 1 sc into sc* 2 times, 3 hdc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 4 sc (23 st)

Rnd 4: 1 sc into each next 3 sc, skip hdc, 1 sc into next 2 sc, *skip hdc, 1 sc into next sc* 2 times, skip hdc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, 2 sc dec (10 sc)

Rnds 5-26: 10 sc (22 rounds)

Sl st into next sc, tie off, leaving long yarn length to sew arm to body later

Tail

Begin with F hook and Lavender Blue yarn

Chain 26

Row 1: In 2nd ch from hook, work 1 sc into each of 12 ch, work 3 sc into next ch, work 1 sc into each of 12 ch, ch 1, turn (27 sc)

Row 2: In BLO skip 1st sc, 1 sc into each of 12 sc, 3 sc into next sc, 1 sc into each of 11 sc, skip 1 sc, 1 sc into last sc, ch 1, turn (27 sc)

Row 3: In FLO skip 1st sc, 1 sc into each of 12 sc, 3 sc into next sc, 1 sc into each of 11 sc, skip 1 sc, 1 sc into last sc, ch 1, turn (27 sc)

Row 4: Rep row 2

Row 5: Rep row 3

Row 6: Rep row 2

Row 7: Rep row 3

Row 8: Rep row 2

Row 9: Rep row 3 Tie off.

Edge: Sl st yarn into corner next to chain yarn end, work sc along row ends, work 1 sc in BLO in each sc across top, work sc across row ends (do not work across bottom ch row), tie off.

Make another tail piece; after working the Edge row, do not tie off, place 1st piece on 2nd piece with ridges facing outward, sc pieces together along ch row, work in BLO around the rest of the piece, tucking in the yarn ends to inside as you work, tie off, weave in end.



Begin forming the body

At center top of completed tail piece, count 4 sts on either side of the center stitch, mark each with small length of yarn, sl st yarn into the 1st marked st on right, sc into front loop of that sc and the next 8 sts, rotate piece as you work sc into the back loops of the same 9 sts. (18 sc) This is the base for the rounds of the body.



Rnds 1-3: 18 sc (3 rounds)
Rnd 4: *5 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (21 sc)
Rnds 5-7: 21 sc (3 rounds)
Rnd 8: *6 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (24 sc)
Rnds 9-11: 24 sc (3 rounds)
Rnd 12: *5 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (28 sc)
Rnds 13-14: 28 sc (2 rounds)
Rnd 15: *6 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (32 sc)
Rnd 16: 32 sc
Rnd 17: *7 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (36 sc)
Rnd 18: 36 sc
Rnd 19: *5 sc, 2 sc inc* 6 times (42 sc)
Rnd 20: 42 sc
Rnd 21: *6 sc, 2 sc inc* 6 times (48 sc)
Rnd 22: 48 sc
Rnd 23: *11 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (52 sc)
Rnd 24: 52 sc Change to Peach yarn on last sc
Rnd 25: 52 sc
Rnd 26: *11 sc, 2 sc dec* 4 times (48 sc)
Rnd 27: *6 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (42 sc)
Rnd 28: 42 sc
Rnd 29: *5 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (36 sc)
Rnds 30-31: 36 sc (2 rounds)
Rnd 32: *11 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (39 sc)
Rnd 33: *12 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (42 sc)
Rnd 34: *13 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times (45 sc)
Rnds 35-38: 45 sc (4 rounds)
Rnd 39: *7 sc, 2 sc dec* 5 times (40 sc)



Rnd 40: *6 sc, 2 sc dec* 5 times (35 sc)

Rnd 41: *5 sc, 2 sc dec* 5 times (30 sc)

Rnd 42: *8 sc, 2 sc dec* 3 times (27 sc)

Sew arms on either side of upper body just below last round worked, being careful not to sew into last round worked.

Rnd 43: *7 sc, 2 sc dec* 3 times (24 sc)

Rnd 44: *2 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (18 sc)

Rnd 45: 18 sc Tie off, leaving long enough yarn length to sew head to body later.

Hair

Use baby or sport weight yarn

Wrap yarn loosely 75 times around a 16 inch length of cardboard; with a 18 inch length of yarn lying horizontally $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ on work surface, slip yarn off cardboard and lay vertically across center of yarn length, tie yarn length very tightly around middle of yarn bundle, flip over and tie again, knot securely (lay these yarn ends outward, you'll use these two to sew the hair to the top of the head area). Slip scissors between loop ends of yarn bundle and cut yarn. Set hair piece on the head, parting the strands on the bottom so they are evenly lying along the sides of the head, sew it to head using the longer strands and yarn needle, push needle through head and back up through center of yarn bundle, bring needle out and over the bundle center and back through head, repeat a couple of times, leaving yarn end inside body. Repeat with other yarn length, when finished sewing, tie lengths together inside head firmly and trim.

Face/Head

Use F hook and Lt. Country Peach yarn

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: 6 sc

Rnd 2: 2 sc; *2 sc inc* 2 times; 2 sc (8 sc)

Rnd 3: 2 sc; *2 sc inc* 4 times; 2 sc (12 sc)

Rnd 4: 4 sc; *2 sc inc* 4 times; 4 sc (16 sc)

Rnd 5: *3 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (20 sc)

Rnd 6: *4 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (24 sc)

Rnd 7: *3 sc, 2 sc inc* 6 times (30 sc)

Rnd 8: 8 sc, 2 sc inc; *2 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times; 9 sc (35 sc)

Rnd 9: 8 sc, 2 sc inc; *5 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times; 8 sc (39 sc)

Rnd 10: 9 sc, 2 sc inc; *4 sc, 2 sc inc* 4 times (44 sc)

Rnd 11: 2 sc inc, 42 sc, 2 sc inc (46 sc)

Rnd 12: 2 sc inc; *8 sc, 2 sc inc* 5 times (52 sc)

Rnds 13-19: 52 sc (7 rounds)

Sew on eyes and mouth now

Rnd 20: *11 sc, 2 sc dec* 4 times (48 sc)

Rnd 21: *6 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (42 sc)



Rnd 22: 42 sc

Sew on hair at center top of head

Rnd 23: *5 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (36 sc)

Rnd 24: *4 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (30 sc)

Rnd 25: *3 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (24 sc)

Stuff head, shaping face and head as you stuff, adding more stuffing as necessary as you close

Rnd 26: *2 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (18 sc)

Rnd 27: *1 sc, 2 sc dec* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 28: *1 sc, 2 sc dec* 4 times (8 sc)

Rnd 29: *2 sc dec* 4 times to close

Tie off, thread yarn needle with end, push needle through last round and back out a couple rounds away, pull taut and snip end to hide it inside the head.

Scallop Bikini Top

Use Lavender Blue yarn and F hook

Make two:

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close, ch 1, turn

Rnd 1: *1 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times, ch 1, turn (9 sc)

Rnd 2: *2 sc, 2 sc inc* 3 times, ch 1, turn (12 sc)

Rnd 3: 12 sc, ch 1 turn so the flat side is facing up

Crochet 8 sc across the flat bottom, tie off.

Now:

Ch 25, push hook into the bottom corner sc of 1 scallop, yo and pull through, sc across flat bottom of scallop, ch 1, push hook through bottom corner sc of the 2nd scallop, sc across the flat bottom, ch 25, tie off. Sl st into the top center sc of 1 scallop, ch 25, tie off. Repeat on 2nd scallop, weave in all ends.



Assembly

Stuff body firmly (rounding out mermaid's curves and making sure neck area is firm enough to keep head up), pin on head, centering face with body, sew on, keeping enough neck width around base of head (and adding small amounts of stuffing as you go, if necessary) so head doesn't flop over. Tie bikini top onto mermaid at back and neck.

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